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Autism Behavioral Services (ABS) is an insurance funded Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) facility offering behavioral therapy utilizing the principles of ABA to children, teens, and young adults ranging from 6 – 21 years of age.

ABA is the only scientifically proven behavioral method effective in the treatment of Autism Spectrum Disorders. In 2011, the ARICA (Act Relative to Insurance Coverage for Autism) mandate was passed in Massachusetts requiring insurance to fund ABA services. In October 2015, Mass Health passed a similar law and now covers ABA services as well.

ABA is conducted in numerous settings including the home, community, and center. All programs are completely individualized to meet the needs of the child and their family. All services are complementary to school services and are not designed to replace a school environment but rather to supplement the work done through the school system and to assist in all other areas of delay.

Our programs target a plethora of concerns for families including but not limited to: community behaviors, safety skills, communication skills, conversation skills, fine and gross motor skills, social skills, play skills, imitation skills, receptive and expressive language, self-help skills, eating skills, toileting skills, grooming skills, sensory and maladaptive behaviors.

The goal of ABS is to provide the skills and knowledge to each client and family served ensuring the greatest potential for independence and meaningful participation in their day-to-day lives.

Our 15,050 sq ft facility consists of two branches; Educational and Administrative (office space). The Educational branch employs on average 19 teachers "ABS Pro's and Coordinators" and the Administrative branch employs on average 7 staff members "Directors and Executives". This facility provides a mixture of organized play, socialization, music, learning, and computer areas for our clients. Our outdoor area incorporates a large fenced-in; basketball court, playground with two slides, and a grass play area. Clients utilize these play areas during daylight only with a ratio of 1:1 or 1:2 client teacher supervision.

Currently we have 31 clients enrolled in our program that visit our center throughout the week (but not all 7 days), Monday – Sunday. These programs are generally held after normal public school hours, during the day on school holidays, and weekends. Client transportation is provided either by our teachers or parent drop-off/pick-up. Parents dropping off or picking up escort the clients to/from our facility where they are signed in/out by a waiting member of our staff.

Our facility houses a second tenant, New England Psychological Assessment Center. Their office currently has 3 employees and sees an average of 3-5 patients per day, Monday-Friday. Patients come in through the front door into a shared waiting area and are greeted by an N.E.P.A.C. receptionist.

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